

Lottery Drawing Here May 3

State Sen. Charles O. Zollar said today that the May 3 state lottery drawing will be held in the Twin Cities.

Zollar said he had obtained a commitment from Gus Harrison, state lottery commissioner, to hold the drawing here. Zollar added he was to meet with Harrison this afternoon to iron out details.

The Thursday, May 3, drawing would be during Blossom

week. The state lottery bureau is making a practice to stage drawings in communities where festivals are being held.

A location for the drawing is still to be settled. State requirements are space for about 1,000 people and 300 cars. Lottery numbers are drawn from a large revolving drum. The drum must be under shelter.

Possible locations were discussed yesterday by the Twin

City airport board. Joe Carver, a board member, asked if the drawing could be held in a hangar at Ross field.

Airport Manager Edward Weisbruch said parking would be a problem. Don Stewart then suggested the Benton Harbor fruit market which has plenty of parking and stalls to shelter the lottery machine.



MOVING TOWARD PEACE: Russell Means, left, leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM) at Wounded Knee, N.D. exchanges handshake with Bishop James Armstrong of the United Methodist Church, right, after Armstrong presented a proposal for further negotiations with the government. Dennis Banks, another AIM leader looks on. (AP Wirephoto)

Suit Against LMC Asks Halt In State Funds

BY BILL RUSH

Staff Writer

Two area residents and a Lake Michigan college student filed suit Thursday in Ingham county circuit court seeking to stop payment of state funds to the college and to stop the college from spending any funds pending an audit of its

books.

The suit asks the court to enjoin payment of state funds on the claim the college is not operating as an educational institution.

Dr. James Lehman, LMC president, said the college's attorney will be apprised of the suit and then "give guidance to the trustees." Lehman also said that many new teachers have been hired and that the hiring procedure is "going one hundred miles an hour." He said a count of new teachers should be available early next week.

The suit also charges that the LMC board of trustees has permitted administration officials to use public funds for their personal needs and asks that all spending be stopped to allow an investigation by the state auditor general.

Mrs. June Fieger, a field representative of the Michigan Federation of Teachers, said a letter was mailed to the auditor general's office earlier this week by State Sen. Coleman Young of Detroit requesting the audit.

But Albert Lee, auditor general of Michigan, said

Thursday afternoon he had not received the audit request.

A hearing on the suit is scheduled for next Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in the court of Ingham County Circuit Judge James Kallman located in Mason near Lansing.

Plaintiffs in the suit are Rolf Bielefeld, of St. Joseph; Mrs. Margaret Hausler, of Benton township; and Steve Sagri, of New Troy.

Bielefeld said he is a parent of two former students and one current student at LMC. Mrs. Hausler is a housewife and Sagri is a student at the college.

The LMC Federation of Teachers also has an unfair labor practices charge against the college with the Michigan Employment Relations commission of the State Department of Labor. The hearing date has been postponed one week from March 12 to March 19 in the county courthouse in St. Joseph starting at 10 a.m.

Joseph Bixler, trial examiner for the Michigan Employment Relations commissioner, said the hearing was postponed on

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Besieged Indians Promise Restraint

WOUNDED KNEE, S.D. — Indians holding this historic village say they will not let a gun battle that injured two Indians jeopardize chances for a peaceful settlement with federal lawmen. The shooting came just before a cease-fire.

"We will use restraint rather than let this have a violent ending," said Dennis Banks, a Chippewa leading the takeover of Wounded Knee.

Banks, an official of the American Indian Movement (AIM), said late Thursday, "Maybe the government has

jeopardized its position with the shooting, but I still hope negotiations can continue."

Negotiations to end 11 days of siege were to resume today, but no definite time was announced by either side. The peace negotiations held late Thursday night were a continuation of talks terminated by the government on Wednesday.

An intense exchange of gunfire occurred before the cease-fire was to go into effect. The cease-fire was announced first in Washington and was not known to all Indians when the shots were fired, a government spokesman said.

Jack Hushen, a Justice Department official, told newsmen Indians had initiated the shooting by firing on a government road-block. No comment was available from Indian spokesmen regarding which side had initiated the

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U.S. Job Force Up Sharply

WASHINGTON (AP) — The total number of Americans at work rose sharply in February indicating an expanding economy, while the unemployment rate edged up slightly, the Labor Department reported today.

The total number of unemployed workers rose 170,000 to 4.8 million for a seasonally adjusted rate of 5.1 per cent of the work force. This was up from 5 per cent in January, the report said.

The report noted a substantial gain in the length of the average work week of 24 minutes to 37.3 hours for nonfarm payrolls.

The longer work week also helped boost average earnings of some 50 million rank and file workers by \$1.50 to \$139.48 per week.

The bureau said average weekly earnings were up \$8.47, or 6.5 per cent, per week over the past year. Over the same time span living costs rose 3.7 per cent.

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Three Hurt By Dowagiac Blast

DOWAGIAC — Three men injured in a Dowagiac scrap metal yard yesterday afternoon when a tank they were cutting apart with a torch exploded remain hospitalized today.

Two of the three were listed in critical condition this morning. At the burn unit of St. Joseph hospital, Ann Arbor, with burns over 90 per cent of his body, was Mack Starrett, 54, of 105 Walnut road, Dowagiac. Lawrence Starrett, 47, of California road, Dowagiac, was at the burn unit of Bronson hospital, Kalamazoo, with burns over 20 per cent of his body and a broken hip.

Harold Franklin, 48, of Millview, co-owner of the firm, was reported in good condition at Lee Memorial hospital, Dowagiac.

The cause of the explosion, which threw a column of flame into the air from Franklin and son scrap metal, 205 East Division street, is believed by Dowagiac firemen to have been

a residue of magnesium inside the tank the men were cutting.

The explosion occurred about 2:13 p.m. yesterday, while the three were cutting apart a piece of machinery including the tank. Residents of area homes reported seeing the tongue of flame shoot into the air and hearing the explosion.

The explosion ignited the Starretts' clothing.

Men from surrounding homes reportedly ran into the scrap yard and tore the flaming clothes from the Starretts.

The machinery of which the tank was a part was on the trailer of a flatbed truck when the accident occurred. Damage to the truck caused by the explosion was slight. The trailer received some fire damage.



ARRESTED: Dr. Dwain Cummings of Muskegon is shown Thursday on his way to Federal Court to face charges he and pilot Paul Davids flew supplies to Indians at Wounded Knee, S.D. Cummings is part Sioux. He is known as the "Buffalo Doctor" because he raises American bison. (AP Wirephoto)

Michigan Men Arrested After Bison Meat Airlift

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Two Michigan men are free on personal recognizance today after they were arrested on charges they aided an Indian uprising in Wounded Knee, S.D.

Dr. Dwain Cummings, 45, of Muskegon County's Fruitport Township and Paul Davids, 43, of Coopersville, are charged with taking an airplane load of food and other supplies to Wounded Knee, where a group of militant Indians have seized control.

Both men refused comment but Davids' attorney Patrick Muldoon, said his client "is not guilty. Reports of this incident are wholly inaccurate and not true."

The men were arraigned before U.S. Magistrate Stephen Carr, who set a hearing for March 16 on whether they should be removed to South Dakota to face the charge.

In contending the men should be released without bond, attorneys said there was no indication "that this cargo contributed to the situation there in any way."

Basis for the complaints against the men is an affidavit signed by FBI agent George O'Clock in Rapid City, S.D.

The complaint alleges Cummings and Davids obstructed and interfered with federal officers trying to do their duties during a civil disorder.

O'Clock said in the affidavit

the two left Grand Haven Mich. early Tuesday with supplies and food and traveled to O'Neil, Neb., and then to Wounded Knee.

Once in Wounded Knee, the agent said, federal agents observed them unloading cargo from the aircraft the goods were taken into possession by persons occupying the townsite of Wounded Knee.

This, the complaint said, furthered the occupation of the town and obstructed the officers.

Neil Welch, head of the Michigan FBI, said he understood the cargo included some buffalo meat but did not elaborate on the rest of the cargo.

Cummings, a Muskegon osteopath, is known in western Michigan as the "buffalo doctor" because he is developing a herd of the animals at his ranch near Stanwood in north-central Michigan.

Cummings, part Sioux, was raised on an Indian reservation in South Dakota. He has donated some of his buffalo to Indian tribes in Michigan's Upper Peninsula to help them start herds.

Davids is the owner of a charter flight service at Grand Haven. Both are 15-year Michigan residents.

Cummings, looking weary and unshaven, appeared at the hearing wearing Indian moccasins.



MICHIGAN INDIANS PROTEST: A band of Michigan Indians marched to Detroit's Federal Building Thursday, chanting songs and beating a drum in sympathy

to the Wounded Knee, S.D., situation. Some sported "Indian power" patches. (AP Wirephoto)

Football Book's Surprise Finish Produces Red Faces

WASHINGTON (AP) — A limited edition of "The Short Season," the poignant biography of Chicago Bears football star Brian Piccolo who died of leukemia, has a surprise ending. And the publisher is apologizing.

A spokesman for Western Publishing Co. of New York confirmed that 2 1/2 chapters of "The Sensuous Woman" by "J" were inadvertently bound into fewer than 100 copies of the Piccolo biography.

"This is very embarrassing and we're

very sorry it happened," Robbie S. Robinson, a spokesman for Western, told The Washington Post.

The problem was discovered when two Fairfax County, Va., junior-high students purchased copies of "The Short Season" through the school system, which purchases in bulk from distributors.

After reading about Piccolo and football, one student turned the page and found chapters on "How to Drive a Man to Ecstasy" and "How to Tell a Good Bed Prospect."

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Editorial Page

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Tax Assessor Is Loose With His Facts

The members of a Benton Harbor commission elected to draft a new city charter got around Wednesday night to the distressing subject of how to maintain an adequate tax revenue from a constantly declining property market.

Somewhere in the discussion the claim was made that Benton Harbor has been overassessing for years.

John Lottridge, the city assessor, disputed that statement and another charge that Benton Harbor rental property is a loss leader today.

His arithmetic shows the assessments average 10 per cent under market value; and if landlords are falling behind, his book lays it to poor management.

The real estate people tell us something else and also have some approving words for a transaction we made a few years ago but which Lottridge disapproves.

He told the meeting our company made money, at least indirectly through the tax writeoff process, on the assessment system.

His comment is correct part of the way, but since Lottridge left out some of the story, it may be in order to trot out all of the facts.

Our company left its Benton Harbor production site at 59 Wall Street in 1955 for a new, larger building at Michigan and Oak Streets.

The old building stood vacant for a couple of years because of a belief at the time that it might fit into our operation at some future date.

Whirlpool Corporation then started to underwrite a technical division for the old Benton Harbor Junior College which had no space for the project.

The company rented the Wall Street structure for that purpose for several years until the college moved to an expanded campus.

The ability to acquire more land, via Urban Renewal, adjacent to our new site obsoleted the Wall Street property for further use, and we put it on the market because an annual cash outlay of \$5,000 for taxes, insurance, heating and repairs was growing tiresome.

In 1969, Lottridge's boss, Don Stewart, the city manager, approached us on the idea of giving the old building to the county as a location for the newly created District Courts which were scattered in several locations. One of the courts occupied a portion of the city hall which Stewart wanted to convert to city hall office space.

The county fathers accepted the offer, but John Hammond, the presiding District judge, talked them out of converting the building into a courtroom. Sheriff Jewell also balked at the plan because he felt there would be too many security problems in moving prisoners between the jail and our old building.

Stewart's proposition had obvious attractions. It spared us the cash drain for maintenance and provided an income tax deduction. It was one way of getting

money from a property which no buyer wanted.

Lottridge told the meeting we called in a professional appraiser who set a figure of over \$40,000 on the property.

We did somewhat better than that.

Two professionals testifying extensively on Urban Renewal projects in the Twin Cities produced an average valuation of \$74,500. Edward Deyo, of Kalamazoo, set it at \$69,000. Ralph Laverty from Niles said \$80,000.

The state equalized valuation at the time was \$25,472 and the local tax bill ran close to \$1,300.

The IRS has accepted the Deyo-Laverty average and we have until the 1974 income tax year to run out that tax credit.

While Deyo and Laverty used comparisons from sales and condemnations under Urban Renewal, figures which are inflated for the property owner's benefit, the assessment figure indicates Lottridge did not dispute an indicated \$50,000 market value for the property. At least we believe he assesses the full 50 per cent allowed by the Michigan constitution on what it calls the "true cash value."

We couldn't get a nibble at a \$40,000 offering price. Realistically, we could not get a nibble, period.

Neither has the county fared any better. If we benefitted from what Lottridge implies is an improper method, we are making it up and then some on our new location which we added to substantially three years ago.

The land and building carried a 1972 state equalized valuation of \$379,283. Under the 50 per cent formula presumably we should be able to sell it for \$658,000.

The state's equalization on machinery, equipment and inventory for 1972 was \$306,159 which supposedly means it is worth better than \$600,000.

Last year we paid \$18,692 in taxes to Benton Harbor, and \$27,472 to the county and the schools.

This is small compared to what Lottridge socks larger installations in town. Our figures and theirs, though, pose some business judgments which neither Lottridge nor any tax assessor has to confront.

Tax assessing necessarily is guess work.

There is no precise market valuation for land, buildings and machinery such as can be found on the New York Stock Exchange; and local government has to find money to service its public.

Even the state constitution gives the legislature the authority to define the so called fair value by means which a buyer and a seller always dismiss as completely unrealistic.

So, Lottridge has to push his pencil in an economic Alice In Wonderland.

After a certain number of years in doing that it may come naturally to think and speak in the same manner.

Logging Controversy

As the controversy over energy continues, attention naturally shifts to conserving natural fuel reserves and using scientific ingenuity to uncover new sources of energy. Talk of falling back on an abundant fossil fuel, coal, is heard again, especially if methods to eliminate high sulfur concentrations can be developed.

The logging controversy which has engaged large numbers of individuals and

organizations in the Pacific Northwest has no direct tie-in to the energy debate, but in one sense it is part of the same package. Fundamentally, it is a debate over the uses of natural resources.

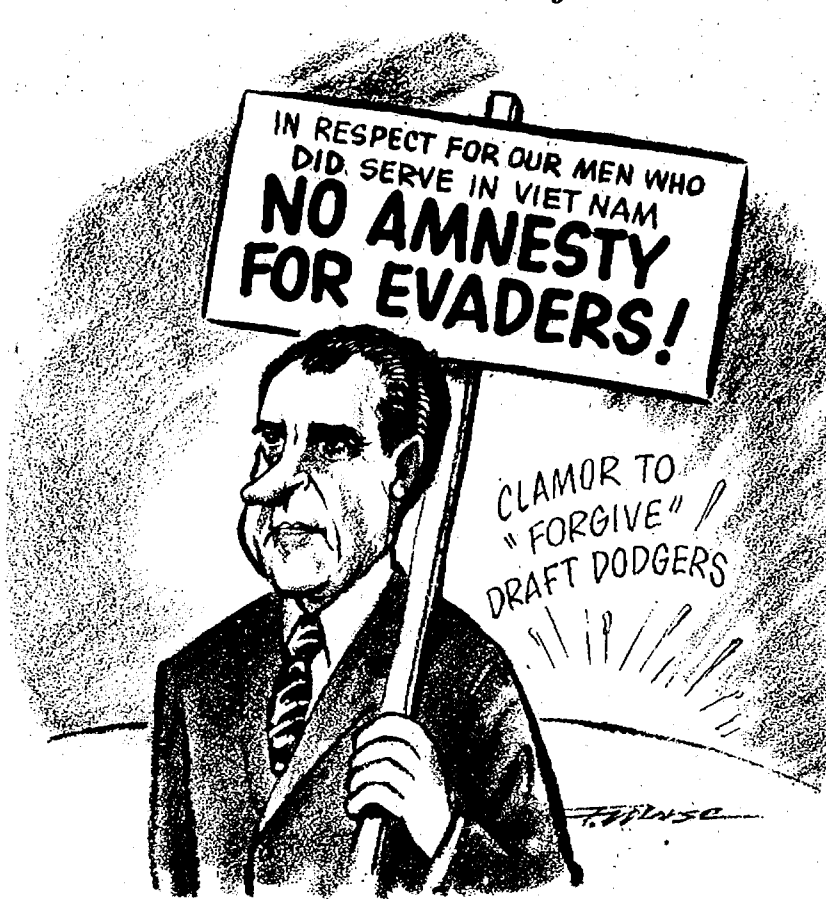
Home builders, building trades and contractors are calling for an end to exports of lumber and logs. They have been joined by various conservationists, including the Sierra Club. Logging interests, attracted by a high level of demand and good profits in exports, contend they are capable of meeting domestic demand as well as channeling part of their timber into exports, and without denuding the forests.

Complicating the controversy is a side fight over the establishment of additional wilderness areas in the Northwest. All of these issues skirt the main one, which is whether the logging companies employ adequate reforestation and conservation measures to insure a continuing supply of a valuable natural resource.

Unlike many other resources, timber has the advantage that it can be reproduced indefinitely on the same land.

If burned in power plants, the 2½ billion tons of waste, garbage, manure and vegetable refuse, produced every year in the United States would generate more than half of today's national output of electricity, National Geographic says.

Conscientious Objector



GLANCING BACKWARDS

NEW LAW OFFICE INST. JOSEPH

— 1 Year Ago —

Atty. Elden W. Butzbaugh, Jr., has opened his own law office recently at 715 Ship-street, Courthouse square, St. Joseph.

A lifelong resident of the Twin Cities area, he is the son of Atty. Elden W. Butzbaugh, Sr. His father and his brother, Alfred, are members of the Benton Harbor law firm of Butzbaugh, Page & Butzbaugh. Butzbaugh began practicing law in this area in 1968 and was associated with Atty. Patrick Kinney until opening his own office recently. He is a graduate of Benton Harbor high school, holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Western Michigan university, and received his juris doctor degree from the University of Michigan.

CHURCH OF GOD BREAKS GROUND

— 10 Years Ago —

Construction of the Church of God in 1908 was recalled by members of the original congregation at a ground breaking service for a \$180,000 educational building.

"I lived in that time when we built the church," said Gus Demske. "We (were) poor people but we had faith in God and we knew He wanted us to build that church so we went right ahead." The senior members recalled the blocks made by hand in the sideyard of the Rudolph Hoffman home near the beach, taking them in wagon loads to the building site at Port and Church street.

BOMBS SHOWER REICH CAPITAL

— 29 Years Ago —

American heavy bombers

showered more than 350,000 incendiaries and 10,000 explosive bombs on wounded Berlin today.

Great Swarms of American and British fighters flew with the Fortresses and Liberators, seeking out industrial plants still standing in the stark ruins of Berlin. They also aimed at bringing to battle the German air force, the better to establish air domination for the coming invasion.

IN TOWN

— 39 Years Ago —

Matt Jans, golf professional of the Berrien Hills Country club, was in the twin cities today, visiting club officials and friends. He has been re-engaged for 1934.

TO BEGIN TOUR

— 49 Years Ago —

Norwood Henderson, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. M. O. Henderson of Lake Boulevard, has gone to Chicago to rejoin the Del Lampe orchestra of New York City, which will start on a six weeks vaudeville tour.

GROUND BREAKING

— 59 Years Ago —

Ground was broken today for a new business block to be erected by James T. Clark on his property at Main street and Niles avenue. The first unit will be a two-story pressed brick building, to be completed by June 1.

TWO ISSUES

— 83 Years Ago —

There may be those who are ambitious for a place on the village board, but mark you, the yoke will be heavy and the honors light, and the pay represents 000. There are two irons in the fire waiting to be forged by the new board — waterworks and a Wayne street viaduct.

PROSECUTOR'S GUN CAMPAIGN ASSAILED

Editor,

The article on firearms by Prosecutor Ronald Taylor left me wondering what motivated him to reach such conclusions. Is he trying to make it difficult for the hoodlums and those with criminal records or the hard working, law-respecting, tax-paying citizens?

It appears that he is concerning himself with the law-respecting citizens. The criminal-minded wouldn't think of turning in unregistered firearms. A law-respecting citizen would use a gun only in self defense and this is his God-given right.

While using his time trying to dictate orders to the hard-working, struggling citizens, the prosecutor should concern himself with properly handling the law-breakers. That's where the problems are.

It's evident that the system's intention is to oppress 99 per cent of the people for what one per cent is doing.

It's clearly an injustice for a law-respecting citizen found with a gun for self-defense to be

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Bruce Biossat

'Nixon Believes Public With Him



WASHINGTON (NEA) — The raging debate here over money and power has already become so chaotic that there is little chance it will be widely understood in its complexity and refined detail. That works to President Nixon's advantage, and he knows it.

The reason for that is, of course, plain enough. The big reality, recognized by public officials in both parties, is the widespread anti-tax, anti-spending mood in the nation. It translates into heavy support for Mr. Nixon in his slashing assault on some social programs and his proposed imposition of a federal budget ceiling.

The trouble is the President is so confident of this support that the attack on spending, the reduction or elimination of programs, is being carried forward with overtones of contempt for opposition.

There's nothing new in the idea of a clash between president and Congress. Such warfare is historic. Examples far back in the 19th century are easy to find. One president was told by a leading lawmaker: "Mr. President, the leaders in Congress tell me Hell will freeze over before they do what you want about that bill."

The president responded: "Sir, tell my friends up there that Hell will freeze over tomorrow."

That sounds reasonably tough, yet I get the impression things are worse today than ever before, and that 'unvarnished contempt has much to do with it.

President Nixon is known to believe that, whatever he may

say to the present congressional leaders on their visits to him, they have become largely ineffectual, disorganized, outdated in their working methods.

One friend who thinks he understands well the temper of the White House establishment, and how the President's aides carry out their duties, says simply:

"They take their cue from him. In this case, that means 'congressional liaison' has dwindled to almost nothing." From Dwight Eisenhower's days through the Johnson regime, liaison with Capitol Hill had been built to major proportions. Lawmakers were courted, placated, sometimes appeased, always given the feeling that they and their views and their problems were taken into account.

Despite occasional, well-advertised meetings with Hill leaders by Henry Kissinger, top domestic aide John Ehrlichman and others, knowledgeable sources insist the Nixon team as a generally regards courtship efforts as unnecessary, as a nearly total waste of time.

The President's new budget message shows how the real cue can be given. It voices hopes for cooperation and accommodation with Congress in holding down spending. But the key attitude is expressed by Mr. Nixon, with the words deliberately set in italics, in his declaration that there is "no room for the postponement of the reductions and terminations proposed in this budget."

Marianne Means

Nixon Still Same Old 'Tricky Dick'



WASHINGTON — President Richard Nixon was trying to pull a fast one last week when he promised Congress that postwar assistance to North Vietnam, if approved, "will not come out of the domestic side of the budget."

He insisted that such financial aid would be drawn from existing defense and foreign aid funds and therefore would not mean a further cutting back on domestic programs.

But that is fiscal double-talk. It is something like pretending that slicing off one end of a loaf instead of the other will not reduce the total size of the loaf to be eaten.

President Nixon is making a big deal of holding down expenses within a fixed Federal budget ceiling. The less spent on defense and foreign purposes, the more the potential for domestic programs. If

Congress does not approve substantial aid to Hanoi, that unspent money might be available for domestic services which otherwise could not be funded without stretching the budget out of shape.

Further confusing the question is the fact that the President's remarks contradicted the position of his new Budget Director, Roy Ash. Testifying on Capitol Hill on February 9, Ash said that it is "certainly the intention" of the Administration to pay for any economic assistance to North Vietnam by making further cutbacks in domestic and some foreign programs.

The President has thus far suggested only the vague outlines of an aid program and no specific figures have yet been proposed. Presumably the sum involved would be relatively minuscule for the next fiscal year, but accelerate over the long run in to a substantial assistance program.

Opposition to the concept has been rising steadily in Capitol Hill. Mail to Congressmen of both parties has been running heavily against it, on the grounds that Federal tax money should not be diverted at a time when popular domestic programs are threatened in the name of economy.

It was to try to stem this mounting tide of resistance that the President made his remarks during a surprise press conference on Friday. He was alarmed by a secret White House survey of GOP Senators.

The Republicans had just returned from visiting their districts during the Lincoln Day recess and reported almost unanimously such overwhelming local opposition to North Vietnamese aid that they could not support it. "It would be defeated today, not only by Democrats but by Republicans as well," one Presidential adviser admitted.

BESS QUILTS POST
NEW YORK (AP) — Former beauty queen Bess Myerson has resigned as the city's consumer affairs commissioner.

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Court Bars Mass Picketing At Malleable

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

Benton Harbor Malleable Industries, Inc., obtained a temporary restraining order Thursday barring mass picketing in its newly-filed suit against International Molders and Allied Workers, and its striking local union members.

The temporary order, signed by Judge Chester J. Byrns of Berrien circuit court, forbids defendants from putting more than nine pickets at the plant, hindering ingress and egress,

and intimidating nonstrikers from working at Malleable. The temporary order is part of a suit filed by Malleable Thursday in circuit court to halt what it claims is mass picketing, vandalism and violence fomented or condoned by defendants since union workers struck the plant Feb. 20 after failing to win a new contract.

A hearing on Malleable's motion to make the temporary order a preliminary injunction is set for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Judge Byrns' court.

The suit, filed by Benton Harbor Atty. Robert P. Small,

names as defendants: International Molders and Allied Workers Union of Kalamazoo; its Local 120 of Coldwater; Theodore S. Kieffer of Kalamazoo, an International district representative and union negotiator with Malleable; J.B. Brown of Coldwater, Local 120 secretary and union negotiator with Malleable; Lewis Thomas of Benton Harbor, chairman of Local 120's bargaining team; and Local 120 bargaining committeemen George Morgan, Lucious Watson, Frank Barnes and Kermit Robinson, all of Benton Harbor, and Jerry Hill of Coloma.

It also holds as defendants unnamed hourly paid Malleable employees who are members of the International and Local 120.

The suit claims the union struck Malleable Feb. 20 and began picketing that resulted in upwards of 250 pickets on hand March 5 and 150 on March 6, demands on Benton Harbor police that left the city without police protection two hours on March 5, assaulting of nonstrikers, nails at the plant entrance, threats to nonstrikers, and blocking plant egress and ingress.



IT'S COLONEL DON STEWART: Twin Cities Airport Board Thursday named former Benton Harbor City Manager Don Stewart (left) an honorary colonel in the Ross field air squadron. St. Joseph City Manager Leland L. Hill presented the new colonel with his card. Engraved plaque attesting to Stewart's 15 1/2 years on the board will come later. (Staff Photo)

Ross Field Is Near Federal Certification

Two Remaining Problems
'Not Insurmountable'

Twin Cities Airport board learned Thursday Ross Field is close to being certified by the Federal Aviation agency, but crash protection and runway overhang are still to be resolved.

The board met at Berrien Hills Country Club where former Benton Harbor City Manager Don Stewart was lauded for his 15 1/2 years on the board.

Airport Manager Edward Weisbruch said Ross field complies with most of the certification standards established by the Federal Aviation agency. The problems of emergency crash facilities and what to do about the west end of the main runway are not insurmountable.

The most economical solution to handle crash emergencies is for the airport board to enter into a contract with Benton township Fire department, Weisbruch said. The airport must have fire fighting equipment within

three minutes of the airport. Benton township has a station on Red Arrow highway close to the main entrance of the airport.

The problem of what to do when the Benton township force is busy fighting a fire must be worked out.

Weisbruch said a contract with Benton Harbor or possibly with other area departments might be worked out to provide standby service.

Weisbruch estimates there have been no more than a half dozen fires or crashes in the 18 years he has been at Ross field.

The problem of providing overrun space at the west end of the main east-west runway may be solved by the federal men themselves. Overrun is the deceleration area at the end of the runway provided for planes which run into difficulty before taking off. The west end of the Ross field main runway drops off sharply.

But landing lights and antenna grid would be far more effective in stopping a plane than a stretch of grass, Weisbruch said.

Chairman John Banyon said Ross field was valued at around half a million dollars when Stewart became Benton Harbor City manager Sept. 1, 1957 and an ex-officio member of the airport board. In the ensuing 15 years the airport has increased in value to \$3.1 million, airline service has been installed, facilities vastly improved, a new terminal built and a control tower is coming.

Banyon, St. Joseph City Manager Leland L. Hill, Board Secretary Ray Miller, Dr. Harzel Taylor, Treasurer Joe Carver, Weisbruch, Bruno Roti and E. A. Larson said Stewart had proved a strong force in making these improvements possible.

Larson, who represents St. Joseph Township, said the Twin Cities communities are closer together now than they have ever been. Banyon said Stewart had played his strongest in helping make the airport self-supporting.

Weisbruch said Stewart "understands the problems" and proved a strong force in helping.

Stewart in response said it was the unpaid, volunteer citizen board which often does a great deal for the good of communities without the public aware of the time involved.

New Shield Bill Is Introduced

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Alan Cranston has introduced what he calls a toughened version of his "absolute, no loopholes" bill to protect a newspaper's confidential sources.

The bill, introduced Thursday would keep newsmen from being forced to testify about their sources or to turn over notes or other information to the courts.



PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN: Jack Martin (left) accepts congratulations from Dr. Donald L. Robach, United Community Fund campaign chairman,

following Martin's election as UCF president. Martin, a past UCF campaign chairman, succeeds Robert L. Starks as head of the United Fund board. (Staff photo)

Jack Martin Is Elected UCF President For 1973

Jack Martin has been elected to serve as the new president of United Community Fund.

Martin, who succeeds Robert L. Starks, was elected yesterday at the monthly United Fund board meeting, held at the YWCA, St. Joseph.

Other officers elected for 1973 are: Dale Jeffers, first vice president; Henry Tippet, second vice president; Stanley Petzel, third vice president; Donald Ladrow, treasurer; and Charles W. Johnson, assistant treasurer.

W. Gary Baker, the new UCF executive director, will serve as secretary of the board. Besides the officers, other members of the executive committee are Mrs. Kent Hughes, Harry Litowich and Warren Gast.

Martin is president of Martin Brothers Mill and Foundry Supply Co., Benton Harbor. He has been active in United Fund and other civic efforts for many years.

In 1962, Martin was chairman of a successful United Fund

campaign. He has since served on the UCF board, including a term as treasurer. Martin also is a member of the board of the Salvation Army, a UCF service, and is a member of the Twin Cities Rotary club.

In his first action as UCF president, Martin announced the formation of a special advisory committee consisting of business and civic leaders. Martin said the group will meet twice a year and will act in an advisory capacity to the UCF board and the campaign team.

The advisory group, which will consist both of present UCF board members and other community leaders, includes:

Elisha Gray II, John Platts, Lester Tiscornia, Walter Holt, Robert Willemink, David Nurse, W.J. Banyon, John Banyon, Charles Johnson, Charles Krohn, Jerry McKinney, Buddy Wahl, Franklin Smith, Charles Joseph, Robert Starks, Roy Shoemaker, Richard Willard, Atty. Carroll Williams and Henry Tippet.

Request To Rezone On Napier Is Heard

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON
Staff Writer

Although a six-month moratorium has been declared on rezoning along Napier avenue in Benton township, township planners last night held a public hearing on a request for rezoning along Napier.

The request came from Frank Loomis, who seeks to rezone three lots at 271 East Napier from residential to commercial.

James Benson, chairman of the planning commission, explained after the meeting that although the rezoning moratorium went into effect Feb. 9, requests for rezoning filed before that date will still be heard, regardless of the ban.

Loomis showed planners drawings of a proposed medical clinic he wants to construct on Napier. He stated the building would be in a colonial red brick design, would contain 3,300 square feet, and be set back some distance from Napier.

He explained that the

parking lot for the clinic, with spaces for about 36 cars, will be placed in front of the building for safety reasons.

"The prime consideration in the layout was for maximum safety," he said. "In this plan there will be no obstruction of view as one enters or exits the lot onto Napier."

Bob Strassburg, of 284 Kubick, voiced an objection to the proposed design, noting that with the parking lot in front there would be virtually no landscaping. The property which Loomis seeks to rezone is vacant land, but there are homes on each side of the parcel.

Strassburg is one of three Fairplain residents who volunteered to work with planners as a liaison committee between residents and planners. The group's duties, according to Benson, are "to review ordinances and make recommendations to the planning commission."

possibilities of moving the lot to the back, and other changes, planners tabled Loomis' request until a sub-committee can make further recommendations concerning the rezoning.

In other business before the board, planners:

—Recommended approval to the board of trustees a request by Richard Plangger for a special permit for a softball park at 555 Zollar drive. The proposed ballpark will abut the Moose Lodge property. Planners were told the park

would include a parking lot, bleachers, and rest room facilities.

—Passed a request from Frank Sooma Sr. for a license to operate a rummage business in a building at the corner of Red Arrow highway and Baldanza street in Benton Heights. The request now goes before the trustees.

—Referred to a study committee a request from Dan H. Lee and Clem Doss for a used car license at 1414 Territorial road.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien county Clerk Forrest H. Kesterke:

George V. Pica, Jr., 27, Benton Harbor, and Lois Elaine Steinke, 19, Sodas.

Douglas Craig Grohjan, 22, Dayton, Ohio, and Linda Jo Garey, 21, St. Joseph.

Leonard Hanko, 19, Bangor, and Deborah Ann Litke, 18, Sodas.

Michael Wayne Meek, 18, and Kim Ann Bortz, 17, both of Niles.

Donald David, Rimes, 27, Stevensville, and Mary Kathleen Heyn, 28, St. Joseph.

Gregory Lee Dunnuck, 20, and Margaret Ann Larson, 18, both of Niles.

Ricky O. Nutt, 19, and Sherry Ann Johnson, 17, both of Berrien Springs.

Police Investigate Dog-Biting Incidents

Benton township police twice this week investigated reports of a dog biting children at 1784 Crystal court.

Patrolman Michael DeLeeuw and Leo Vaughn said they were summoned to the address at 7:35 p.m. yesterday when police received word that a German Shepherd had bitten a boy.

The officers said Tobie Williams, 7, of 1851 Council court, was treated and released at Mercy hospital for wounds to the head and arm.

Patrolman DeLeeuw said two days ago he advised the owner of the dog, Larry Coulson, of 1784 Crystal court, to tie the dog up and keep him confined for 10 days as the animal had bitten another child.

The officers said since the dog last night bit a second child, and had not been confined, the matter would be turned over to the dog warden, who began an investigation this morning.

BH Meetings Near For 'Pre-School On Wheels'

Registration meetings for the "Pre-School on Wheels", a pilot program for 3 and 4 year-old children living in the Columbus and Calvin Britain school areas of the Benton Harbor school district, will be held next week.

Ron VanDonselaar, pre-school coordinator for the district, will conduct one meeting Wednesday at Calvin Britain and the other Thursday at Columbus. Both sessions will start at 2 p.m.

Parents who have already or who want to register their children for the program are asked to attend the meeting at the school in their attendance area. They are asked to bring proof of birth and immunization records for their child.

A bus fitted out as a traveling classroom will move about in the two attendance areas and hold classes where there are concentrations of participating children.



BUY BLOSSOMTIME STOCK: Paul Mayhew (left) and Robert Flippo (center) are first two buyers of Blossomtime, Inc., stock certificates. Donald Humphrey, stock chairman for Blossomtime, presents their certificates. Stock program is a vital financial effort in the support of annual Blossom Festival. A share of stock costs \$50, but it is not entirely a patronage payment, as stockholder receives \$31 worth of tickets and other accommodations at festival events. Stock sales program is aimed at individuals, rather than business firms. Interested persons can contact Blossomtime headquarters in Benton Harbor. (Staff photo).



A MAN AND HIS BRUSH: Robert Hoffman and his brush are virtually inseparable. He paints on the job, at home, during weekends and on vacation. He just finished cavernous garage beneath jail in St. Joseph, a 100-gallon job. (Staff photo)

Dab, Dab, Dab

Berrien Painter Loves His Work

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

They just can't seem to pry that paint brush out of Robert Hoffman's hand.

Hoffman, 60, a painter for the county, this week was putting finishing dabs on the approximately 56 by 116-foot garage in the basement of the Berrien county jail in St. Joseph.

It took the better part of five weeks, one part-time helper and 100 gallons of paint. So what does Hoffman do in his spare time?

He paints. He paints his Benton Harbor home inside

and out every three years, paints window trim every couple years, and paints-for-hire on the side.

He says he wasn't intimidated by the cavernous size and maze of pipes in the garage, his biggest job in five years for the county.

"That's my job," he said. "I can't complain. I like my job."

During the five weeks on the garage, he also painted a courthouse office and the lower half of the giant boiler room in the jail, both with the help of his sidekick, Junior Clark of Benton Harbor.

Century-Old Era Closes In Hartford

Town's Weekly Newspaper Ceases Publication

By TOM BRUNDRETT
Staff Writer

HARTFORD — After 100 years, this community is without a home-based weekly newspaper.

The Day-Spring paper ceased publication with its Feb. 28 issue without fanfare. No advance announcement of the termination was made.

Peter Sinclair, editor of the 10,000 free circulation paper, said the decision to end publication was made because of economics. He said, however, that a commercial printing operation run by the firm in conjunction with the paper would be continued.

The Day-Spring was founded Nov. 8, 1872, by O. D. Hadsell and has been published weekly since. It marked its 100th birthday with its Nov. 8, 1972 edition.

Sinclair in commenting on the publication decision said, "It is never a good thing for a community and area to lose an institution like a newspaper. But after all, it is a business and you have to show a profit to stay in business."

The editor said the commercial operation would be known as Sinclair Graphics and be operated out of the firm's current headquarters. The equipment used in the previous combined operation will be used in the new venture, he said.

According to Sinclair, he will become general manager of the commercial printing firm as well as part owner.

Sinclair is the son of Jack and Helen Sinclair who have owned and operated the firm for 28 years. He assumed duties as editor about three and a half years ago when his father became managing editor of the Daily Star in Niles.

Jack Sinclair said the end came almost 28 years to the day of his first publication of the paper in 1945. He took over its operation after working for a Detroit daily paper.

During his ownership, the paper changed to a free cir-

ulation paper and went into an offset printing process. Under the free circulation system, subscribers receive the paper at no cost through the mails.

The move into the free circulation system was the first for a weekly paper in the state outside of the Detroit area.

When started, the founder said he hoped that the paper could withstand the misfortunes of time and gave it the name "Day Spring" without ever revealing exactly why.

In the paper's 100th anniversary edition, Donald Cochran, longtime publisher of the paper, was reported to have at one time located Hadsell and questioned him about the name. According to the article, Hadsell promised to reveal the reason by letter, but the information was never received.



FINAL EDITION: Jack Sinclair, standing, his wife, Helen, and their son, Peter, show final edition of Day Spring published Feb. 28. Sinclairs have owned paper for 28 years and said decision to end its publication was made because of economics. Paper has been in continuous publication in Hartford for over 100 years. (Staff photos)

Allegan Crash Kills Grand Rapids Man

WAYLAND — A Grand Rapids man was killed last night when the car he was driving struck an overpass support on U.S. 131 about five

miles south of this northeastern Allegan county community.

State police at Wayland reported Chalmers Douglas Erickson, 47, was northbound on 131 when his car entered the median at the 124th street underpass, hitting the bridge

support in the median. Erickson was alone in the car. Police said they had not determined the reason the car left the roadway.

Erickson was declared dead at the scene by Dr. Dale Kuiper, of Wayland, deputy Allegan county medical examiner, who said death was due to injuries received in the accident. Kuiper estimated the time of death as 8 p.m., an hour and 15 minutes before police were notified of the accident.

Police said they did not know why the accident was not reported sooner.

The death raises the 1973 traffic toll in Allegan county to seven.

The traffic fatality count, which had already been reported as seven, was rolled back to six yesterday by an autopsy report listing the cause of death of a Martin man whose car struck a tree at an intersection north of Otsego March 3 as a heart attack, according to Allegan sheriff's deputies.

The death of Blinn Brenner, 67, had previously been considered a traffic fatality.

Brenner was alone in a car which left 12th street and struck a tree at the "T" intersection of 12th with 112th avenue. The accident occurred at about 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3.

Republicans Will Meet Saturday

The regular monthly meeting of the Berrien county Republican executive committee will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Youth Memorial Building in Berrien Springs. The meeting had been originally scheduled for the Benton Harbor Holiday Inn.

Second Sentence Not Really A Help

CASSOPOLIS — Benn Phillips, 55, who was convicted for a second time Feb. 21 on a charge of assault with intent to commit murder, yesterday was sentenced in Cass county circuit court to from 40 to 60 years in Southern Michigan state prison, Jackson.

Sentence was pronounced by Judge Robert E.A. Boyle of Centerville, who presided at Phillips' retrial on the charge

which resulted from the 1969 near-fatal shooting of a Cass county sheriff's officer.

Sentence is identical with the one imposed in 1969 by Judge James E. Hoff, who presided at the first trial.

Phillips was granted a new trial on grounds that Judge Hoff erred at one point in his instructions to the jury which first found Phillips guilty.

Ottawa Job School Plan Loses

GRAND HAVEN — Two propositions to create an area vocational center in the Ottawa intermediate school district, which includes the Saugatuck and Hamilton school districts in Allegan county, were defeated yesterday in a special election.

Favorable votes on both questions were necessary for school officials to proceed with construction plans for the \$4.1 million center.

Request to levy 1.5 mills to operate the center and meet repayment schedule of a proposed \$4 million bond issue to build it was defeated by 216 votes, 9,328 to 9,112.

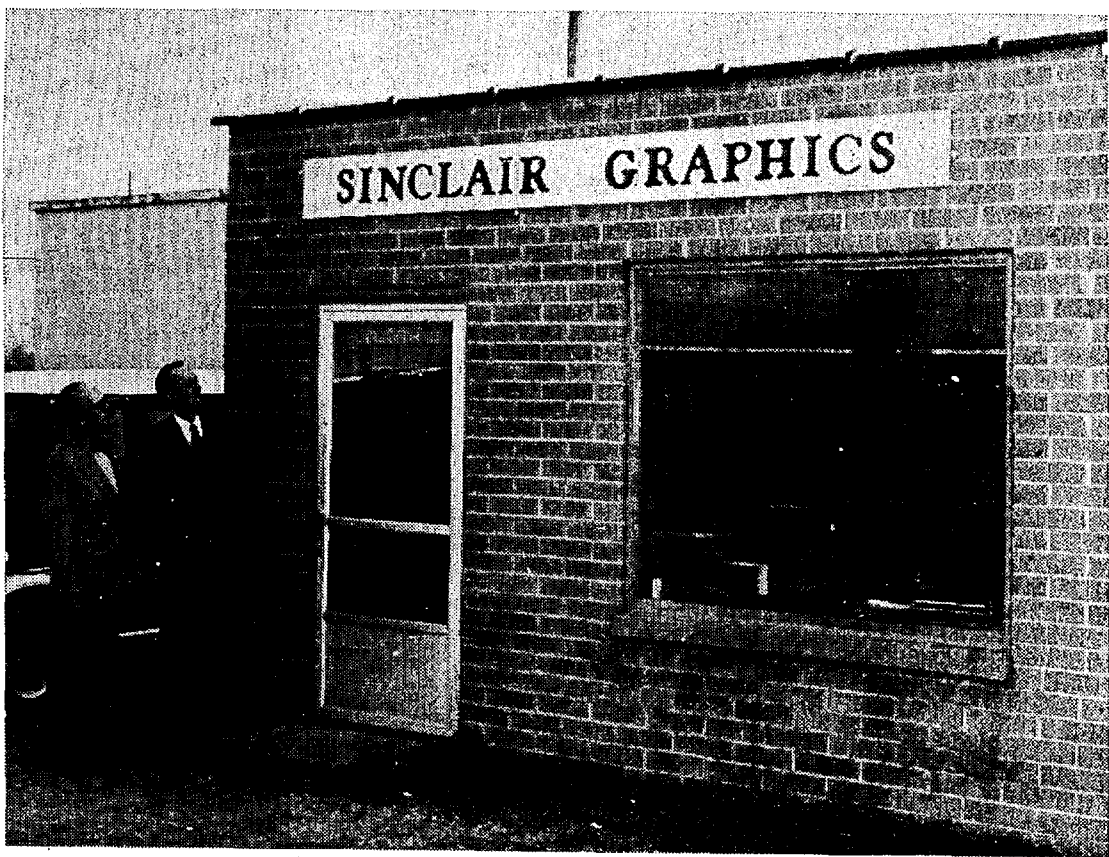
The proposal asking authorization for the bond issue lost by

933 votes, 9,660 to 8,727, according to unofficial returns.

No decisions have been made on whether or not to resubmit the proposals to voters of the district, which covers Ottawa county as well as Saugatuck and Hamilton school districts in Allegan county.

"We're going to have to take a long, hard look at it," said Roger Troupe, intermediate school district.

"Losing the millage proposal by 216 votes is the one that hurts," he said. "If that had passed, we could have resubmitted the bonding proposal in six months. That doesn't cost the taxpayer an additional cent."



EX-NEWSPAPER PLANT: This building, headquarters for Sinclair Graphics, used to be home of Day-Spring newspaper in Hartford as well. Owners,

however, stopped publication of paper Feb. 28. Jack Sinclair and his son, Peter, said commercial printing firm was being continued.

Board Unanimous On 3-Year Pact SMC Prexy Gets Contract

DOWAGIAC — Dr. Russell M. Owen, president of Southwestern Michigan college, last night was awarded a new three-year contract by unanimous vote of the board of trustees.

Dr. Owen, 51, has served as president of the college since July, 1971.

The new contract, retroactive to Jan. 1, provides 2.75 per cent base salary increase for an annual salary of \$28,728 and

says the college will continue to furnish the president with a car. Dollar increase is about \$750 annually.

It also provides for a deferred longevity incentive of \$150 per month, which will be held in escrow by the college during the term of the contract.

The board said it is "very pleased with the administrative and educational leadership Dr. Owen has given

the college...He has the unanimous and complete confidence of the board of trustees."

Dr. Fred Mathews, board chairman, said the board "could not be more pleased with Dr. Owen than we are."

Owen, expressing appreciation for the confidence shown to him by the board, said he has greatly enjoyed his service at SMC and has "high hopes" for the continued progress of the school.

The board also approved a number of other business items, including requests for various federal, state and private grants totaling over \$100,000.

On the matter of an open letter released Thursday by Southwestern Michigan College Education Association (SMCEA), Mathews said some board members had not seen the letter and there would be no comment until the board has a chance to discuss the matter.

SMCEA had proposed that a group of five citizens who are unaffiliated with the college be

appointed to settle the master contract dispute which has been going on for the past year.



COUNCILWOMAN: Mrs. Carol Bond, 31, 402 West Clay street, New Buffalo, has been appointed to New Buffalo city council to fill vacancy created by resignation of Lucian Darin in January. She was member of city park board and school building needs citizens committee. Mrs. Bond and her husband, Ronald, have two sons.